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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TAKUO KUGIYA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: CHAN, K.
SERIAL NO: 10/578,565 :
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FOR: ELEVATOR APPARATUS :

ELECTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

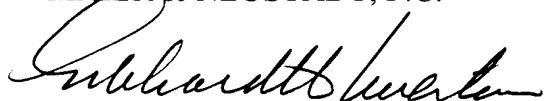
SIR:

In response to the election requirement dated March 12, 2009, Applicants elect Species I, identified in the outstanding Official Action for further examination on the merits. Applicants identify Claims 1-7 as being readable on the elected Species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-7 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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